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1. OMANI FONMIN ZAWAWI FURTHER CLARIFIED STATUS OF
AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JANUARY

14. SPEAKING CAREFULLY, HE SAID OMAN HAS NO NAVAL OR
SECURITY AGREEMENT AS SUCH WITH IRAN. IT HAS CONCLUDED
AGREEMENT ON DEMARCATION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF (TEHRAN
271) AND IS DISCUSSING AN AGREEMENT TO CONTROL POLLUTION
IN THE WATERS AROUND STRAITS OF HORMUZ. HE SAW SUCH AN
AGREEMENT AS INVOLVING IRANIAN NAVAL PATROLS EVEN IN
OMANI WATERS, IN THE ABSENCE OF OMAN'S OWN ABILITY TO
CARRY OUT SUCH PATROLS. HE ADDED THAT, EVEN THOUGH PA-

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TROLS WOULD BE FOR ANTI-POLLUTION PURPOSES, THEY WOULD

NOT OVERLOOK ANY SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES THEY MIGHT RUN ACROSS. (COMMENT: WE SUPPOSE ZAWAWI SPOKE ALONG SIMILAR LINES TO WASHINGTON POST'S HOAGLAND. AT LEAST FIRST TIME SAME EMBOFF MENTIONED HOAGLAND ARTICLE TO ZAWAWI ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, ZAWAWI EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AND DID NOT COMPLAIN OF BEING MISUNDERSTOOD.)

2. COUNSELOR OMAR, WHO WAS IN MEETING, ADDED THAT MENTION OF NAVAL VESSELS DURING SULTAN'S TALKS IN WASHINGTON WAS CONNECTED WITH THIS PROBLEM. HE ALSO CLARIFIED AN EARLIER REMARK MADE TO EMBOFF ABOUT IRANIAN PHANTOM AIRCRAFT. HE SAID AIRFIELD AT THAMARIT (MIDWAY) HAS BEEN LENGTHENED TO TAKE PHANTOMS AGAINST CONTINGENCY THAT IN FINAL STAGES OF DHOFAR WAR PDRY AIR FORCE MIGHT STRIKE ACROSS THE BORDER. THEN IRANIAN PHANTOMS WOULD REQUIRE LOCAL BASE.

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